AN EVENTFUL STORY.

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CHAPTER XXXV .- ON THE IRAWADDY. The expedition for this purpose con-Central India with Lord Strathnairn, was | severely wounded in the battles of Mun- wanting the caputs of the converted.

of Abyssinia. Among the troops proceeding to Burmean veteran, and John Tilly, who had upon trees, like so many cocos-nuts. served with the 23d Fusiliers in the Indian Mutiny, and been one of the captors fordshire, Welsh Borderers, Middlesex who handle them as to the enemy. and Harts, all Queen's regiments.

squadron, all the rest were native troops, and all had orders to concentrate at transport service on the Irawaddy, and ports-were to be placed in cargo boats.

The time given for the Burmese answer old friends and comrades. on the 11th.

be the scene of the first conflict.

Theebaw's reply was a long, unsatis- first orders were: factory and hostile document, and he called upon all the loyal Burmese to fight | amine your flints and priming!" for the white elephant, their country and until they crossed the frontier.

In British Burmah were already the spirit—so little discernible now?" second Battalion of Lonsdale's regiment, Infantry, and the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

gar in mouth; "and know we shall see only the garb of a convict, was unknown. the uninviting shores of Burmsh to-moris about seven hundred and eighty miles, have happened to me since I saw it last!"

its great fleet of fifty double decked river the storming of the great bell-shaped steamers, each towing a couple or more Dagon Pagoda at Rangoon. rafts, would render us independent of all

ous cluster of rocks.

160 feet, and has eight alternaupon the yellow shore like liquid gold, laden ships of 1200 tons. mingled with snow-white foam; and Such was the new and strange locality

From the brilliantly-green and wonder- Melanie. fully-luxuriant jungle there starts up,

like the temple, hastening to decay."

fresh water.

en passant.

ing into the water, palmyras, and many for the last time!

As the prospect of active service, of to begin up the Irawaddy. soldiers lighted up, and their faces, tauned or sallowed by the Indian sun, flu-hed; or sallowed by the Indian sun, flu-hed; Montressor was quite a changed man now; his recent reunion with Claire had along the ship sides, gazing on the strange and—to them—new land, as it, strange and stranged with the cooking pots, choppers, and find the interest more desired. Substant and wounded had field with the cooking pots in the highest position in the county, and into the immediate vicinity of his amistal that we are privated to more. Can you wonder then, had field wit war, adventure and achievement, drew With Montressor, he was now attached

little to starboard.

"Is it true," lisped Charlie Danvers, me." with the inevitable glass screwed into his says so."

artillery officer, quite gravely; "but the if fired by actual heroes." bursting powder must be in, of course, before our shells are heated."

"Aw-aw-of course," said Danvers. defeated the Peguan conqueror of his after all?" veteran officer, who served in the Persian | to make converts from Buddhism, he re- either envy or speculation.

descre and Betwa, won the coveted V.C., Theebaw proclaimed that he was to un- "to-morrow and to-morrow creep in our had his horse shot under him at Ratghur, furl the Peacock Flag at the head of his petty space from day to day---, " section of his people, and vowed he him uncomfortably. regiment (old 8th Foot) and the Royal tain British subjects whom he had in his Welsh Fusiliers, commanded respectively | hands-detained officers of the Irawaddy | by Colonels Andrew Le Messurier, a Cri- Flotilla-whose heads he would hang

of Lucknow. These battalions were the erable flint-locks, warranted, perhaps, from marsh and steam, and from the backbone of the Bengal contingent, while not to go off at all, or like some of those damp clumps of heavy mangroves that from Madras and elsewhere came the 2nd with which our English government arm drooped into both, when Lonsdale and Battalions of the Royal Fusiliers, Bed- the British troops, as perilous to those Montressor left their quarters in the can-

By this time he had cut the telegraph expedition against Minhla. Except the Blue Jackets of the Indian wires between Rangoon and Mandalay, at The thoughts of the former was still Minhla. All the troops for the expedi- full of his strange and unpleasant dream antly through the dense leafy jungle, Rangoon, where armed steamers and flatnamed place and to advance boldly up the London when, amid the crush of a prosaic till our stormers swept over the place, bottomed barges were to be ready for Irawaddy, striking the initiative blow at West End ballroom, there had come and the village, with all its painted

Meanwhile, we heard that the Burmese | iment - Prince Albert's Somersetshire | other by an irresistible power, though were busy constructing earthworks, and Light Infantry-had, as stated, been sta- the word "love" had been unuttered; had a gunboat laying down torpedos at tioned for some time previous at Ran- and when Melanie felt herself face to face Minhla, and placing fire-rafts, hulks goon, then in a part of British Burmah; with her own heart, and knew, like Lonsand chains across the river to bar our thus he and Montressor soon found them- dale, that she had met her fate; and then

to the British ultimatum was to expire | Lonsdale, proud of his corps-as what attached to the cornices of the vast on the 5th of November (Guy Fawkes' true soldier is not-had often looked with pagoda were moving, and there, too. Day), and hostilities were to commence ardour at its colors as they floated out on were tossing and ringing the sweetly After the concentration at Rangoon, other wars, and not, as Ossian has it, golden work of those wonderful leaves, the expedition was at once to ascend the against "the sons of feeble men," like the strange features of a face, built in an age Irawaddy and strike a vigorous blow at wretched Burmese of Theebaw; and unknown, and which, when viewed by the forces of the inhuman Theebaw in the | when the embroidered silk, with the | moonlight, seems the abode of magic and vicinity of Minhla, which was expected to Sphinx and Mural Crown, was of the old mystery, surrounded by winged monsters

"Do not the old colours of a regiment," religion, offering to lead themin person, asks a writer, "riddled with shot, tatter- banks, and thus ensure victory while the ed and stained out of all their early happen

not of the weedy boys, that die like files hours were over. "I made this voyage once before, with | when hardships come-days of the "Old |

and the first point we sight is the Agua- was raised by Theophilus, seventh Earl some sappers, and a Royal Artillery mule da Lighthouse. What strange things of Huntingdon, in the troublesome year That evening the muddy state of the searched by the Williamites in 1692, for but the water, through which the tall white papers which he had burned; but in was obviated by the garrison trooper cleft a way, portended her ap- whose stables were found horses enough "levanting," as soon as our troops came proach to the shores of Burmah. This to mount a squadron of cavalry, and who in sight, after undergoing some brilliant dark fluid proceeds from the chief mouth had been succeeded in the memorable shelling, however. of the Irawaddy, which has fourteen in year of the revolution by his son Ferdiall-not one too many for a river a thou- nandi Hastings. Then came the Earl of ease, and other troops came on-to witsand miles in length-the Nile of the land | Banymon, as colonel in the truce of the | the Second and Eleventh Bengal Infantry, At that season it flows so rapidly that | Sheriffmair; Harry Pulteney in the days | Twelfth Madras; and then the march beits current would be too powerful for of Dettingen and Culloden; and to these gan inland, in the direction of Minhls, boats to stem, were it not for the aid of old memories it added more recent glories near which was the most formidable dethe southwest monsoon, which sets in | won in every quarter of the globe; and it | fence and barrier of the river, the Kuligon the opposite direction. Assisted by the was perhaps the last corps in Her Maj. Fort, a mile below the town. wind, and constantly keeping within the esty's service to use the old flint-lock that the Irawaddy Flotilla Company, with | who, in the first Burmese war, had aided | reach of the latter.

To Montague Lonsdale, the latter round reef and marking the locality of a danger- its site, on the last spur of the Pego life. Yoma range, visible for a vast distance It rises near the mouth of the around, whither the clang of its mighty the height of bell, fourteen feet in height, can be sent. Kudigon, and by his field glass, Lonsdale

tive broad and deeply painted streaks or mass at his feet, groves of banyan and they could be called, as the Burmese are summit it is all of the latter bue, and for containing monstrous images of Guadama, a time the effects of the sunshine on the some in sitting, some in sleeping posiwater were beautiful. Seaward, the way tions, surrounded by others of priests las; all with papier-mache helmets our ships had come, the waves were blue, and attendants in the act of worship; wobbling about on their topknots in a cornfields among the black, or brown, but tipped with fire as they rose and fell; others of elephants, lions, angels and comically embarrassing manner; and all decaying stubble, and the noisy ducks around the Aguada Reef they boiled like demons, and of objects altogether inde- clad in gorgeous garments, bright red came, dirty and draggled, from the molten silver, and far away toward Ele scribable; elsewhere, swamps, rice flats, tunics, blue trousers, and variegated muddy pools, that were half choked with phanta Point-so named from two famous low bushes; and away to the north, dense facings, while the booming of gongs, the fallen leaves. trees which grew there, and in form to- jungle, with the river flowing between, clash of cymbals, and the blare of dole-

there it is usual to throw overboard a in which Lonsdele now found himself, bottle, with particulars of the voyage; but | with his comrades of the old Somerset-

near the Point, the bright scarlet cone of of inaction at Rangoon he had tormenting fire upon some scattered horsemen. a ruined pagoda. "Guodoma certainly dreams of her, born, doubtless, of his Taking advantage of the interest caused church in the background, old, grey, and by the land view, in a quiet corner a half hidden among the foliage: while through a narrow lane, the flanking for Mother Earth to receive it also. by the land view, in a quiet corners half hidden among the foliage; while through a narrow lane, the flanking for Mother Earth to receive it also. ship's steward, with one or two more, amidst a group, the faces of which were parties being quite invisible. was busy "bulling" a cask—which had vague, changing and indistinct, under the This fire was found to come chiefly hall, where all the medical skill brought to have constantly repeated, and in pique King, GW once held spirits-with a gallon or so of sged lychgate, the figures of these two from a village on our left flank. stood distinctly forth, Melanie pale as a "It must be carried at once!" was the by Sir Brisco, to bear upon his case, had "For what is this?" asked Lonsdale, lily, with her once brilliant violet eyes order of the general. clouded and dull, Sir Brisco looking On this duty Lonsdale dashed forward and where, now, his visit was drawing to yet." "To splice the mainstay, your honor," bright and triumphant, his arm round with a party of the Twelfth-or old a close. He longed to be with Melanie,

In due time, the entrance to the Ran- looked strangely like that of old Dr. again at the storming of a pageda.

inland. The Rangoon flows into the heard the bugles, in the dark hour of the coarse black hair it was seen twisted into ly advised to do so by his medical man. peated argument of her two senior rela- arraigned. He made no defense Irawaddy, of which it is the eastern early morning, sounding the "Turn out" top-knots, and their foreheads were mean Thus Reggie had been much left to his tions.

"My poor Montressor," said Lonsdale, right eye, "that the General has ordered laughing at the visions in which his Eleventh Bengal Infantry, under Drury scan the papers for military news from the artillery to open on the stockades and friend indulged, "these Burmese fellows and Stuart. The latter went gallantly India, and latterly from Burmah, and had other works with red-hot shells? Travers in gilt paper helmets have certainly not storming over the stockades, but the first seen full notices of the departure of the and duteous position with regard to the "That is very like Travers," replied an their bullets may be quite as perilous as a fine young subaltern of the South eral Prendergast.

It was now well-known on board the lows; "strange to think that there should tached, was wounded along with several part of the river had been captured, after swered. squadron that the blood-steeped Theebaw have been such a list of wounded-badly Sepoys. intended to show us that he was no de- hit fellows-at Chowringher; and that the

gars and joined the parade in the dark; brains.

MINHLA.

The waning moon of the cool early morning was tipping with its pale silvery light the wonderful arabesque carvings of He would arm about 30,000 men with the great Shoe Dagon Pagoda that towertifles of various kinds, some being ven- ed above the soft simmering mist exhaled tonments at Rangoon to join the river

tion were to concentrate at the first- of Melanie Talbot, and of that time in into the hearts of both the one great forty-pounder guns-to batter the river Chapter xxxvi - Cantoned at Rangoon. dawn of passion that can never The second battalion of Lonsdale's reg- return again, when each was drawn to the selves warmly welcomed by a circle of came the memory of their parting hour.

In the morning wind the golden leaves the wind, covered with honors won in toned bells that hang among the rich

came on Lonsdale when the dawn broke quickly on the river and its wooded he reflected that might, as the slaughter of the invaders was not to begin beauty, bring to us a sigh of loving | Flotilla ste: med up the muddy Iratribute to the glories so present to the | waddy, the people at home, so many thousand miles away, would know all And colors they were, still of the old about it-who were the wounded and the Thirteenth, or Somersetshire Light day, of long service and veteran soldiers who were the slain-ere, perhaps, twelve

It was the morning of the 17th Novemour 2d Battalion," said Montressor, as he Red Rag," that tells of Britain's glory, ber when the vessels with the Liverpool and Lonsdale trod the poop together, ci- and when the vile khoki, that suggests | regiment-as the old Eighth or King's, is now grotesquely named,-the Twenty-And now for a bit of unknown history. first and Twenty-fifth Madras Native In-This Somersetshire regiment, about fantry, both in scarlet, the former faced which we may have something to write, with buff, the latter with dark green, battery, were landed at the village of 1685, for King James-the same peer Patnago, five miles below a fort, which whose house, as a noted loyalist, was was to be carried by assault: trouble of

Usion; Stanhope Cotton in the year of under Colonels Baker and Norris, and the

Being ordered to ride forward and eddies of the banks, the Burmese craft | musket, with which its soldiers, under | reconnoitre, Lonsdale, after some scouts use their sails, and frequently achieve a the gallant Sir Robert Sale, the veteran had been fired on and driven in, saw that more speedy passage at this period-i. e. of Mallovelly, fought their way through it stood on an isolated hill, about 300 feet from June to September-than at any the Khyber Passes down to Iclallabad in high, on a bend of the river, and that its other. But it was naturally supposed 1841-Sale, the same splendid soldier, guns commanded a long and straight

The slope, which was defended by three lines of earthworks faced with brick, was gentle, but there were other defences, edifice was an object of wonderful inter- formed of huge teak logs, backed up by The rays of the rising sun next morn- est, when he saw it towering skyward to earth and brick ramparts, so solid as to ing tipped with a golden gleam the first, the height of 350 feet, and glittering in defy our artillery, and, as he reported to point of land visible on the port bow, the the sun-the largest "relicshrine," as its the general, any attempt to carry them Aguada Lighthouse, perched on a granite | name imparts, in all Indo China, and from | by assault would occasion much loss of

More than two thousand men were supposed to be crowded into these works at From its summit he could see, as in a could see them in their ranks-if ranks betal, smoking and gesticulating wildly, with their red pennons and gilt umbrel-

sound. On the Madras and Bengal columns ill-drained land. forming a junction a village was ap-

great cheek bones.

Rangoon river, and the land was rising a name for myself that will make Claire enclosure, containing many pago iss, and addressed to every available point of his offers as those of Sir Brisco Brayadmire me as much as I know she loves flanked on two sides by a great tank and outward voyage; and now, though she an earthwork twelve feet in height.

> the mettle of the Mahdi's warriors; but named officer, Lieutenant Ashton Drury, Bengal column to join the army of Gen- absent and silent Lonsdale began, despite Wales Borderers (attached to the Bengal Then came tidings of the capture of upon her. "Is it not strange, Travers," lisped corps), fell dead—the first officer killed Minhla, the first brief dispatch received Danvers, as these two made their way to in the new campaign—while Lieutenant at the India Office from His Excellency, want?" the parade through the streets of bunga- Sellery of the Inniskilleys, similarly at- the Viceroy, to the effect that the barrier

generate successor of that Alomfrea, who seductive little widow should be his wife closely, for, discipline apart, he had the burned down; that a steam launch had sisted of fully 11,000 men-ultimately, by country and founded its dynasty; or "A devil of a flasco," commented Trav- narrow escape in this wretched jungle would follow." July, increased to 24,184 men-led by that other King of Burmah, who, ers, as they passed Montressor, who was warfare, as a wounded Burmese, in his Major-General Dalrymple Prendergast, a when a missionary asked his permission all unconscious that he was the cause of death agony, half raising himself from the blood-slippery grass, with his sharp campaign with Outram, in the wars of plied: "Convert as many as you can; but "We shall have seen some sharp work, dao, or chopper, made a savage stab at off go their heads the moment after." So I hope before to-morrow night," said he him. A Bengalee parried the thrust with came fuller details, that included a notice change, or new phase of bearing in the missionary found little trouble in to Lonsdale, as they threw aside their ci-

Charlie Danvers also had an escape. and was Field Engineer at the Conquest troops, and notwithstanding his awful "True. And who can tell what it may bamboo houses, he lost his way, and fell massacres and mad despotism, he seemed | bring forth for some of us?" interrupted | among som : Burmese skirmishers, but equal to the occasion. He cut down two, mah in this expedition were the Liverpool would treat them to the slaughter of cer- CHAPTER XXXVII.—THE STORMING OF emptied his revolver among the rest, but were piled over him, killed and wounded, whose blood plastered him from head to foot, to his great disgust. Between gore and grime he presented a terrible appearance, and emerged from under them with a very wry face, for Charlie was a natty and vain young fellow-vain of the whiteness of his hands, his straw-colored moustache and somewhat vapid counte-

The attack had lasted three-quorters of an hour, during which the shot from rifled pagodas, was given to the flames; and the Burmese.

the troops, full of fervor, pressing over at some open ground beyond advanced more than the brief ten days against the Fort of Minhla, into which he the Kathleen from the river was throwing would have to elapse ere he was fairly on Remaining in the postoffice at Fort Worth, Tax. her shells with beautiful precision.

fantastic hemlets eleven guns and two as all old ladies alleged-and Reginald wall pieces, from the higher ramparts, Talbot, sooth to say, cared not how long Awtry, Nubble small party, led by Lieutenants Downes that his emotions on the subject were Addison, Mrs O M of the Eleventh, Wilkinson of the Twelfth. somewhat akin to those of the dog in the days; when, on going into action, the with solemn countenances, tranquil mien, armed with his sword and a brace of reand other officers, including Montressor, | manger. and successful assault. They met with him. cut through with a dao, or heavy knife-a | watched Amy, while the latter stood beand that of Downes, who was conspic- tilting her piquant hat backward and breech-loaders, and as they rushed out to for it-or thought I did-" the river bank on the east they were met "Yes, thought you did, mamma; but a Hardin, Livie" I suppose a hundred were killed outright | laughingly. here, a number wounded, and 150, or 200,

made prisoners." troops were the King's marines, whose laudation his courage had won. helmets were surmounted by gilt anchors, in lieu of the ordinary red mouthed drag-

on of the line. The Italians in Theebaw's service now the river, by which the armed launch Kathleen had a narrow escape; but after a three hours' conflict, Minhla was ours. The whole town, including the Govern-

or's palaces, perished in a conflagration caused by the shells from the launch. When the firing ceased, and the dead and wounded were being reckoned and the unhappy girl. lists made up for the general, Montressor and Lonsdale, on meeting each other, shook hands in congratulation that they had both escaped untouched; but a sadder sequel was in store for both ere long, when under fire again.

CHAPTER XXXVIII-HOME. And now for a brief glance at what was | Geemed an absurdity." then passing at Rose Cottage and Ravens-

bourne Hall. The days were drawing in, and the night through the lofty and leafless trees | gained ?"

that over hung the cottage. The swine were rooting in the desolate

It was toward the end of a genuine Engether resembled an elephant—they rolled 800 yards in breadth and deep enough for ful trumpets, all meant to inspire cour. glish November, when the rain raineth age, made up a hideous volume of every day, and frowsy fogs, like those of Holland, envelop all the low-lying and

The Thames was shorn of its sylvan in a Queen's ship no one thought of doing shire, and elaborate descriptions of which proached, about a mile and a half from beauty, and the trysting place, on which he sent in more than one long letter to Minhls, which had a population of about the memory of Lonsdale, then so far 5000, and there the advanced files of the away amid the rice swamps of the Ran-More than once during the brief period Twelfth Madras Native Infantry opened goon river, dwelt so fondly, was no longer a place of rich grass, sweet flowers and Proceeding a little further through a sunshine, but one instinct with the showed some wisdom in selecting such a waking thoughts-at least he could but jungly and densely wooded dis rict, these deathly odor of rotting sedge and slimy position for a shrine," says a writer; "as infer so; dreams of Melanie at their old files were suddenly greeted by a heavy waterflags; so Melanie Talbot went near he had once showered commercial trysting place, under the great trees be- voiley, the smoke of which, with the hiss- it no more; it seemed so gloomy and prosperity on the empire, and placed a side the shining river on which the water ing bullets, poured through the foliage in deserted, so indicative of present anxiety entinel over it at the mouth of one of lilies floated. She was not there with front and filled the place with obscurity, and future hopelessness; and if here and his rivers; which prosperity, on account himself, he thought, but with old Sir At this crisis, owing to the density of there a flower lingered in the once pretty of the misconduct of his devotees, was, Brisco; and once-he never forgot that the jungle, the ragged palengra leaves garden of the cottage, it seemed to stand, dream—he seemed to see Stokencross and cactus hedges, our advancing force as someone says, above its dead compan- and even splendidly married—for the

-not without ulterior views and hopesfailed to achieve any amendment thereof, he replied, saluting with one hand and her, and his lips on her cheek, as he drew Eighth Madras-regiment, and promptly who never went over to the hall, and he goon river was reached—an estuary hav- Brendon, was surveying a marriage regis- In a hand to hand fight, the Burmese, been much left to himself by Sir Brisco, ing low banks, but a picturesque aspect, ter, which bore the signatures of "Brisco | who love athletic sports, are both active after the pheasant shooting began and with mangroves over-arching and droop- Braybrooks and Melanie Talbot"-Talbot and strong; but now their olive-complex- the hunting season set in-as the baronet be splendid." ioned faces were distorted by rage and was not so old or so obese as to relingroves of other noble trees extending far | Lonsdale started and awoke. Then he fear. When their helmets fell off their quish a little sporting, though strenuousand "Assembly," as the advance was now and narrow, when contrasted with their own thoughts, his unavailing repining "As the mistress of Ravensbourne Hell great cheek bones.

After the village was carried, and the the kindly care of old Mrs. Mopps, the through his prince-nez, "you would hold named discuss. By its timely use thousands of

tilence or under the wespons of treacherhave had a few hours of perfect happifortifications formed by Camotto, and
savage Dacoits.

The trooper was now heading up the once to Lonsdale. "I will carve out a Theebaw—a large and strangely—palisaded many that Melanie had deposited therein such an evil shadow, and trific with such causing couguing and sore eyes.

had ceased to write, in sheer despair of It was attacked on two points by the she knew not what, she never failed to

three hours' conflict, with thirteen guns; Lonsdale, whom the Bengalees followed that "the town had been accidentally sir of a man born to command, had a been capsized and that the casualties

The casualties!

gave her heart! But how hopefully and and bitter pressure in the past time, while proudly it beat when, a day or two after, beginning to gather heart greatly at this Lonsdale, V. C., (on special service with your worthy Aunt Chillington and I will the Twelfth Native Infantry) had recon- be heartily glad when we flad you assert-Blinded by the smoke of some blazing noitered the enemy's works within rifle- ing yourself-find you rising superior to shot, and at the head of a detachment had the cold and insulting neglect of one to be certainly popular with one small Lonsdale, whose recent dream haunted was too much of an Englishman not to be fortified villege on the right flank of the implicitly, and for whom you were so stormed, at the point of the bayonet, a whom you have trusted so unwisely an ! position. Tidings with which, in a foolishly relinquishing so much. And tumult of thought, she rushed to the how happy we shall be, when the engage. stumbled and fell, when a heap of others Vicarage, to share with her friend and ment with Sir Brisco is duly announced; gossip, little Amy Brendon.

Amy had become her own joyous, active | Withdrawal, with honor, on either hand." rippling hair and dark, laughing eyes. only by an occasional bitter sigh on the to her, and among her father's old an unsteady voice and a face that was parishioners she had, as formerly, plenty painfully drawn and pallid. f occupation whereby to kill the time till Very well, Uncle Grimshaw, if I do Horace Musgrave should return to not hear by the next mail from Burmah Stokencross, as his letters-though his or Calcutta, it may be as you wish." illness was protracted-now assured her he was hourly longing to do.

flirty Hilds, who had reduced the art of what florid manner, to Sir Brisco. amid a sheet of these the bamboo houses | coquetry to a science, as ther spouse was burned flercely, the roar of the conflagra- fast discovering now, had also assured viction, or under influence, even as tion almost drowning the flendish yells of her that Horace was recovering certainly, dropping water wears out the stone it but slowly, "he had got such a deuce of a falls on ? "Forward!" was now the order, and shaking and pounding in that awful spill

the hurdle race;" thus had allotted to himself his legs again, and fit for duty or travel-The works were girt by thick jungle, ling; so, meanwhile, the marriage was "advertised letters" and give the date of the and full of armed Burmese, over whose still delayed-a fact ominous of disaster, list. were pouring grape, despite which a the delay was; yet thought, meanwhile,

volvers, as he was always teribly in sion of spirits, after discovering that her earnest about anything he undertook to lover was true, was tempted to be more do, reached the foot of the slope, which than usually kind and effusive in her bearwas covered by one very formidable piece | ing to the unfortunate young sailor, when | Carter, Claudie of cannon. "Waiting until the gun at the she met him abroad in his wheel chair, Donhan, Mary E head of the rampart had discharged its among the shady lanes near the hall, and periodical round of grape," wrote one this new manner of her's, all unconscious roman, ofeliar who was present, "these officers as she was of it, seemed but to tantalize blinch, Mary led their men to a most gallant and torture-though it did not deceive-

a sharp resistance at the top of the in- "Ab," said her mother, as one day, Fakes, Minnie cline, and poor Wilkinson had his skull with fond and caressing eyes, she very dangerous wound. His conduct, fore a mirror over the mantel-board, uously to the front, deserves recognition. forward to suit the light and shadow, or Handley, Adoie The Burmese were quickly cut up in a arrangement of her rich, soft, curly Howell, Mrs V S terrible degree-as they were massed to- fringe, "I think the greatest vocation a gether both on the rampart and in the girl can have is to be a clergyman's wife, Honahan, Celia courtyard below-by the fire of our and when I trained you, my little one, up | Hildreih, Mrs L

by a party under Stuart, and suffered Hussarcame, and there was an end of the Hall, Emma severely; in fact, very few escaped alive. vocation," interrupted the old vicar, The small, but happy, circle at the vi-

carage, shared to the full the satisfaction Artigue B & Co The Burmese commander here was a and pleasure which Melanie had at last Armstrong, Rev E L ruffl n who had been odiously zealous in even through the prosaic medium of the the awful palace massacres; and his public prints, heard of her flance, and the Of the non-arrival of letters in answer to those sent, mail after mail, by Melanie, Aunt Chillington, when occasion offered. and Uncle Grimshaw in particular, never Bragdon, Henry (2)

exploded a mine from the other side of ceased to make the most in urging upon Brown, J.C. her the folly of deeming that her engage- Brien, James, M D ment still existed, and to expatiate, as Brady, Julia A, M D usual, on the advantages offered by the proposal of Sir Brisco; and once, when compelled to listen to all that her nucle Blythe, Leslie could say, a gust of grief, dismay, almost shame, but certainly mortification, shook | Bennett, Leonodas

"Lonsdale," said Uncle Grimshaw, sneeringly, "knows, no doubt, 'The girl I left behind me, and has ridden-or rather sailed away-in this instance, as in many others, and thought no more about her. It is a way they have in the army, I believe; there, sentimentality is wisely

After a pause, during which he eyed her

grimly, her uncle said: "I can never cease to condemn enough sombre gloamings came early. Many of the selfishness of this fellow, who lured the former were dull and sullen, with you into a promise to wait for him-him, circular bands of black and white; at the cocoa-nut trees, large open buildings, alike without 'fill or discipline-chewing sleety showers; and the wird howled at and what more? What have you

"The love of a good and a brave man," replied Melanie. "And that is all you think cf! Will this love pay rent and taxes and trades-

men's bills? So, how about money—the sinews of man, as your precious Lonsdale Grey, Wm will no doubt call it?" Her shoulders heaved; her face was turned from him and buried in the back Graves, W H

of an easy chair, and one arm, white as snow and temptingly revealed by a loose sleeve, an arm of rarest and tempting Ginseppe, Grippe form, rested in relief upon a dark velvet cushion; but he eyed her pitilessly-her beauty had no effect on him-with a tri- Holland, James umphant twinkle in his sharp pale eyes, while rasping his side tufts, which looked like Satanic horns, especially when added to the expression of his Saturnine But, artfully ceasing to taunt now, he

Jones, Rev J M sought to soothe, apparently. "Thus it is that I am anxious, more than ever anxious, Melanie," he con- Johnston, W Johnston, L G tinued, "to see you comfortably, happily Her brother Reginald was still at the the offers of Sir Brisco we cannot hope Jackson, WE he may marry some one else." Kinshan, J Kiliner, James B Kelly, James W (2)

"I wish, oh I wish he would." "I don't! He is devoted to you as "He is awfully old, uncle, for me or

any other girl.' voted to you, I repeat, and his settlements, as your aunt constantly says, will be locked up for six months on Blackwell island unless he gets \$1000 security. Neither Most nor any leading

with disgust, at this selfish, but oft-re- anarchist were in court when he was

'brooke?"

"I do not trifle with them." "Reject them, then, apparently." "I do not reject them, "replied Melanie, unsteadily, as a cruel sense of her strange the wishes of her heart, to force itself

"Then what in heaven's name do you "Time; only time to think," she an-

"Time? You have had months now " "Do not hurry me; do not say more," urged the poor girl, desperately.

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and bright self again, with her thick, A pause now ensued, a pause broken With renewed lightness of spirits, her part of Melanie, while he anxiously waitnaturally splendid health had come back | ed for a reply, which she gave him with

Only may?"

She attempted to say more, but her His kinsman's wife—the same kinsman voice faile t her, and he was fain to be SEND FOR ONE---IT'S FREE whose initials had created such confus. content with her response, which he lost ion and consternation-the fair and no time in communicating, in a some-Was Melanie yielding at last to con-

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